Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim 34, wherein ~~the supplying includes providing the~~ said liquid consists essentially of ~~as a composition selected from a group consisting of~~ a gelatin, a starch, a cellulose derivative, a water-soluble polymer, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, polysucrose, and a sugar.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim ~~34~~ 4, wherein ~~the supplying includes providing as the~~ said liquid is a solution consisting essentially of ~~5 grams of~~ about 25% w/v fish gelatin in a solvent consisting of from about 1:1.2 to about 1:1.4 ~~7 to 9 milliliters of water~~ water/ethanol ~~and 10 to 11 milliliters of ethanol~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim ~~34~~ 4, ~~which comprises supplying as the~~ wherein said liquid is a solution consisting essentially of about 26% w/v ~~5 grams~~ of fish gelatin in a solvent consisting of from about 42% v/v ~~8 milliliters of~~ water, about 53% v/v ~~10 milliliters of~~ ethanol and about 5% v/v ~~1 milliliter~~ of peppermint flavouring.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim 34, which comprises providing an air flow to encourage the deposition of the at least one fiber or fibrils on ~~the~~ said support surface.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim 34, which further comprises regulating the temperature of a region where the liquid issues from the outlet to facilitate the formation of the at least one fiber or fibrils.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim 34, which comprises establishing the electric field by applying a high voltage to the support surface.

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim 34, which further comprises using as the support surface a rotatable endless surface.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim 34, wherein ~~the providing of the~~ said active ingredient is incorporated into the at least one fiber or fibrils.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to claim 34, which further comprises forming the at least one fiber or fibrils with a core containing the at least one active ingredient.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The A method according to claim 34, wherein said active ingredient is ~~of manufacturing~~ a pharmaceutical product ~~which further comprises using a method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims and providing as the at least one active ingredient an ingredient which is pharmacologically or biologically active~~.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The A method according to claim 34 ~~of manufacturing a~~ wherein said active ingredient is a confectionary product ~~which comprises using a method in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 14 to form a plurality of individual tablets and incorporating as the at least one active ingredient at least one of the following: sugar; chocolate; a flavouring; and a colorant~~.

Claims 17 – 33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (currently amended): A method of manufacturing tablets, comprising

(i) supplying a biologically acceptable carrier liquid containing one or more active ingredients ~~containing a carrier~~ through a supply tube to an outlet of the supply tube;~~,~~

(ii) establishing an electric field between the outlet and a support surface that is spaced from the outlet to cause liquid issuing from the outlet to form at least one fiber or fibrils of said ~~the~~ carrier liquid;~~,~~

(iii) causing said ~~the at least one fiber or fibrils~~ fibers to deposit onto the support surface to form a fibrous porous web or mat; and

(iv) forming a plurality of individual tablets from the web or mat, ~~and providing the individual tablets with at least one active ingredient~~ , the individual tablets being configured to rapidly and completely ~~melt, liquefy, disintegrate, deliquesce or~~ dissolve on moist ~~tissue~~ surfaces. ~~selected from buccal, tongue, or eye and not those of the respiratory and gastrointestinal systems, wherein the at least one of the active ingredient enters the blood stream via the blood rich epithelium of the mouth or via the tissues of the eye, and further wherein said fiber or fibrils at least partially coat said active ingredient within said fiber web or mat.~~

Claim 35 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method ~~as in~~ according to claim 34, wherein the individual tablets are formed using a cutting means ~~forming arising from separating the fiber web or mat into a plurality of individual tablets~~.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method ~~as in~~ according to claim 35, wherein said cutting means is a pair of reciprocating knives ~~the separating is effected by cutting the fiber web or mat~~.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The A method ~~as in~~ according to claim 34, wherein ~~the carrier~~ said fiber web or mat is biodissolvable.

Claim 38 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method ~~as in~~ according to claim ~~34~~ 37, wherein said fiber web or mat ~~the carrier~~ is hydrophilic and biologically acceptable ~~compatible~~.

Claim 39 (cancelled)

Claim 40 (currently amended): The A method according to ~~as in~~ claim 34, wherein ~~the providing of the individual tablets with at least one~~ said active ingredient is coated on

the fibers. ~~includes incorporating the at least one active ingredient in and/or on the individual tablets.~~

Claim 41 (currently amended): The A method ~~as in~~ according to claim 34, wherein said carrier ~~the~~ liquid consists essentially of a hydrophilic solution of gelatin dissolved in a mixture of water and ethanol, ~~the deposit causing the formation on the support surface of the fiber web or mat, the fiber web or mat consisting of at least one gelatin fiber as the afore-mentioned fiber or gelatin fibrils as the afore-mentioned fibrils, the forming of the individual tablets arising from separating the fiber web or mat, the providing of the at least one active ingredient including incorporating the at least one~~ active ingredient and wherein a sweetener is incorporated into said fibers. ~~into and/or on the individual tablets.~~

Claim 42 (currently amended): The ~~A~~ method according to ~~as in~~ claim 41, wherein the sweetener is saccharine.

Claim 43 – 54 (cancelled)

Claim 55 (currently amended): A method of manufacturing tablets, comprising:
(i) supplying a liquid containing a biodissolvable carrier along a supply tube to an outlet of the supply tube;
(ii) establishing an electric field between the outlet and a support surface spaced from the outlet to cause the liquid issuing from the outlet to form at least one fiber or fibril that deposits onto the support surface to form a fibrous porous mat or web;

(iii) separating the fiber mat or web during said formation into a plurality of shaped regions using electrical charges to generally define individual tablets; and

(iv) providing the individual tablets with at least one active ingredient, the individual tablets being configured to rapidly and completely melt, liquefy, disintegrate, deliquesce or dissolve on moist ~~tissue~~ surfaces. ~~selected from buccal, tongue, or eye and not those of the respiratory and gastrointestinal systems, wherein the at least one of the active~~

~~ingredient enters the blood stream via the blood rich epithelium of the mouth or via the tissues of the eye.~~

Claims 56-57 (cancelled)

Claim 58 (previously presented): The method according to claim 55, wherein the separating of the fiber mat or web into individual tablets further comprises separating individual tablets from the fiber mat or web after formation of the fiber mat or web on the support surface.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The method according to claim 55, wherein the separating of the fiber mat or web into individual tablets during formation occurs during the deposition of the at least one fiber or fibril onto the support surface.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The method according to claim 55, wherein said fiber or fibril at least partially coats said active ingredient within said fiber web or mat.

Claims 61 -70 (cancelled)

Claim 71 (New): A method of manufacturing tablets, comprising

(1) supplying a biologically acceptable carrier liquid through a first supply tube to an outlet of said first supply tube;
(2) establishing an electric field between the outlet of said first supply tube and a support surface that is spaced from the outlet to cause liquid issuing from the outlet to form at least one fiber or fibrils of said carrier liquid;
(3) causing said fibers to deposit onto the support surface to form a fibrous porous web or mat;
(4) supplying a biologically acceptable carrier liquid containing an active ingredient through a second supply tube to an outlet of said second supply tube;
(5) applying a charge to said carrier liquid of Step 4 opposite the charge of said first electric field of Step 2 to form a layer of fibers containing said active ingredient on top of the layer of fibers from Step 3;

(6)repeating Steps 1 – 3 so as to deposit a layer of fibers on the surface of the layer of fibers of active ingredient from Step 5; and
(7) forming a plurality of individual tablets from the layers of sandwich of fiber web or mat, fibers of active ingredient and fiber web or mat; wherein the individual tablets being rapidly and completely dissolve on moist surfaces.

Claim 72 (new): The method according to claim 71 wherein said carrier liquid is a solution of a biologically acceptable polymer in a mixture of water and ethanol.

Claim 73 (new): The method according to claim 72 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is selected from the group consisting of gelatin, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymer, poly-sucrose, starch, cellulose, sugars, and confectionery materials.

Claim 74 (new): The method according to claim 73 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is selected from the group consisting of gelatin, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymer and polyvinyl alcohol.

Claim 75 (new): The method according to claim 74 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is selected from the group consisting of gelatin, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymer.

Claim 76 (new): The method according to claim 75 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymer.

Claim 77 (new): The method according to claim 75 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is gelatin.

Claim 78 (new) The method according to claim 72 wherein said water and ethanol are present in said carrier liquid at a ratio of from about 1:0.8 to about 1:1.5.

Claim 79 (new): The method according to claim 34 wherein said carrier liquid is a solution of a biologically acceptable polymer in a mixture of water and ethanol.

Claim 80 (new): The method according to claim 79 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is selected from the group consisting of gelatin, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymer, polysucrose, starch, cellulose, sugars, and confectionery materials.

Claim 81 (new): The method according to claim 80 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is selected from the group consisting of gelatin, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymer and polyvinyl alcohol.

Claim 82 (new): The method according to claim 81 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 83 (new): The method according to claim 82 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymer.

Claim 84 (new): The method according to claim 83 wherein said biologically acceptable polymer is gelatin.

Claim 85 (new) The method according to claim 79 wherein said water and ethanol are present in said carrier liquid at a ratio of from about 1:0.8 to about 1:1.5.

Claim 86 (new): The method according to claim 34 wherein said active ingredient is a medicament for a human or an animal.

Claim 87 (new): The method according to claim 86 wherein said active ingredient is a medicament for an animal.

Claim 88 (new): The method according to claim 86 wherein said active ingredient is a medicament for a human.

Claim 89 (new): The method according to claim 86 wherein said active ingredient is a medicament selected from the group comprising a drug, vaccine, enzyme or diagnostic agent.

Claim 90 (new): the method according to claim 34 wherein said active ingredient is a confectionary material.

Claim 91 (new): The method according to claim 71 wherein said active ingredient is a medicament for a human or an animal.

Claim 92 (new): The method according to claim 91 wherein said active ingredient is a medicament for an animal.

Claim 93 (new): The method according to claim 90 wherein said active ingredient is a medicament for a human.

Claim 94 (new): the method according to claim 91 wherein said active ingredient is a medicament selected from the group comprising a drug, vaccine, enzyme or diagnostic agent.

Claim 95 (new): the method according to claim 71 wherein said active ingredient is a confectionary material.